



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet Video

Link: <https://meet.google.com/byo-bvwg-kiy>

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In Person: 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230, Aeris Conference Room

Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large

Larry Brenneman – Western MD

Dave Kelly – Central MD

Heather Quinn – DNR

Robert Peoples – MDE

MDE Staff Present

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director

Jennifer Bowman – OAG

Alex Rubin – MDE

Excused Absent

Michael Hall – Eastern MD

GUESTS

Martin Fuhr – MDE

Wesley Eichfeld – MB Drilling

301-***-***81 – Unidentified & Removed

Call to Order

Presiding Officer, Larry Brenneman, presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Officer Comments

Larry Brenneman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Adoption of June 26th, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes

Amanda Redmiles will investigate WQA Professional Certification Course pending status to see if there was a reason it is still pending.

Amanda Redmiles stepped out of the meeting briefly at 9:22AM, returned at 9:24AM.

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the June 26, 2024, open meeting minutes with one inquiry into the pending status. The motion passed unanimously.

Oversight of Unlicensed Driller Inquiry– MB Drilling LLC

Wesely Eichfeld, MB Drilling LLC, seeking clarification on a company without a licensed driller presented with a drilling opportunity in Maryland, due to client relations, seeking a licensed driller to pull the permits and oversee the project. The Board advised Mr. Eichfeld that there is no statutory restriction in this case but advised that the licensed driller’s bond and general liability insurance would be at risk.

Executive Director Comments

- FY24 Revenue & Expenditures Update

REVENUE & EXPENDITURES FY24
FY 24 APPN \$134,613.00

Month	Running Expenditures	Monthly Expenditures	Running Revenue	Monthly Revenue
JULY	\$5,876.43	\$5,876.43	\$3,775.00	\$3,775.00
AUGUST	\$27,456.37	\$21,579.94	\$4,150.00	\$375.00
SEPTEMBER	\$27,469.00	\$12.63	\$4,775.00	\$625.00
OCTOBER	\$45,605.03	\$18,136.03	\$6,425.00	\$1,650.00
NOVEMBER	\$57,722.79	\$12,117.76	\$8,325.00	\$1,900.00
DECEMBER	\$68,384.86	\$10,662.07	\$11,325.00	\$3,000.00
JANUARY	\$80,604.22	\$12,219.36	\$14,900.00	\$3,575.00
FEBRUARY	\$92,829.79	\$12,225.57	\$16,675.00	\$1,775.00
MARCH	\$105,053.16	\$12,223.37	\$19,800.00	\$3,125.00
APRIL	\$117,283.80	\$12,230.64	\$24,775.00	\$4,975.00

MAY	\$128,020.57	\$10,736.77	\$26,625.00	\$1,850.00
JUNE	\$148,159.76	\$20,139.19	\$27,400.00	\$775.00
		\$148,159.76		

- Board Vacancy Update- Recommendation to move to closed session to protect the applicant’s privacy.
- Apprentice Expirations- Further investigation by Jennifer Bowman determined there is no justification to extend expiration dates. Previously, they were extended by executive order pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders during the Covid-19 pandemic. Amanda Redmiles will rerun the apprentice expiration query to convert AWD into WRO and inactive API and AWC licenses with passed expiration dated. Amanda Redmiles will send notice letters to licensees with approaching expiration dates.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

- Continuing Education Credits Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle	Outcome
1	DNREC	DNREC 2024 Roto-Sonic Acrylic Well Drill Day	Dover, DE	8/23/2024	All Licenses	4	2023-2025	Approved - Notified Submitter & Updated Database
2	Allegany College of Maryland	CDL B Operator Introduction (Theory) MVA 100	Cumberland, MD	3/16 & 3/23	All Licenses	16	2023-2025	Referred to August Meeting
3	Allegany College of Maryland	CDL B Operator Skills (Range/Road) MVA 101	Cumberland, MD	4/6 - 5/11	All Licenses	48	2023-2025	Referred to August Meeting

A motion was made by Robert Peoples to approve the DNREC course for 4 credit hours and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

- July 9th Exam Results

Amanda Redmiles opened an additional exam date due to increased interest.

SCHEDULED	5
SHOWED	4
NO SHOW	1
PASSED	4
FAILED	0
AVERAGE GRADE	73.5%

Types of Exams to Pass

Apprentice Well Driller- 2

Apprentice Pump Installer- 2

Applicants That Passed the Examination

Anthony Barasky – Apprentice Well Driller

Logan Boothe – Apprentice Pump Installer

Skylar Goyden – Apprentice Well Driller

Wesely Quade – Apprentice Pump Installer

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion passed unanimously.

- Exam Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Cassell, Tyler Alan	PIO	Fogel's	Recommend	Denied based on a lack of experience as an apprentice
2	Cassell, Tyler Alan	WCI	Fogel's	Recommend	Denied based on a lack of experience as an apprentice
3	Haney, Jeremy	AWD	Allied	Recommend	Approved
4	Hynes, Brian	JGD	John D. Hynes & Associates	Recommend	Approved
5	Lazaro, Natalio	MGD	Hillis-Carnes	Recommend	Approved only as JGD & Letter of Standing required

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above applicants to take the examination with the listed conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Nothing to report.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Dave Kelly to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

The presiding officer read a written closing statement addressing the reason for the closed meeting, including the topics to be discussed and statutory exception(s) (see below).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Heather Quinn to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Dave Kelly that was seconded by Heather Quinn Board members approved moving into closed session on July 24, 2024, for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b)(2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders,
GP § 3-305(b)(7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice,
GP § 3-305(b)(8) - To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The following Board members were present during the closed meeting:

Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Dave Kelly, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, Jennifer Bowman and Alex Rubin.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Larry Brenneman read the closed meeting disclaimer.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the July 24, 2024, closed meeting minutes; discussed the update on Calvert County Plumbing Board matter; were updated on previous violations; discussed Board vacancy applications and provided recommendations; and worked in updating regulations.